

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 7-11 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 12-14 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 3 and 7-11 were previously indicated by the Examiner as allowable if rewritten in independent form. As such, in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicant has cancelled the previously rejected claims so that the allowable claims will pass to issue.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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